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THE LATEST FROM THE NAVAL SAFETY CENTER

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1. **Self-Assessment ALSAFE Released** – ALSAFE 054-15 (R 161500Z OCT 15 ZYB), Navy Safety Self-Assessment Reporting Procedures for the CY2015 Assessment Period, has been released. The message explains the process and the annual requirements (including the fact that the annual self-assessment must be completed by 31 December).

Commands are required to identify a total of five programmatic deficiencies and weaknesses, roadblocks to successful mishap prevention efforts, or workplace hazards. Also, commands should report best practices that may benefit other commands and units. The ALSAFE explains how the information will be reported up the administrative chain of command and then rolled up into subsequent “Top Five” lists. The ALSAFE also discusses the reporting and consolidation of medical surveillance completion data.

COMNAVSAFECEN plans to analyze the self-assessment data, identify trends, and prepare a written report and action plan to present to the Safety Quality Council in the middle of next year.

The ALSAFE is available on our website at [http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Documents/messages/ALSAFEs\\_2015/ALSAFE15-054.txt](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Documents/messages/ALSAFEs_2015/ALSAFE15-054.txt).

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2. **“Safety Survey” to “Safety Assessment” Transition Continues** –As part of the Naval Safety Center’s ongoing transformation, our traditional safety surveys are improving to meet fleet requirements and provide more meaningful and actionable results. Highlights of the current changes follow.

There is a new focus on ISICs as well as individual units. The ISIC and TYCOM now receive assessment feedback. Previously, results were only given to unit CO.

Our visits are culture-focused rather than compliance-centric. We are integrating with TYCOM oversight teams, using standardized culture assessment tools. Aviation units will receive stand-alone assessments. Surface assessments will be teamed with TYCOM events when possible. Submarine assessments will team with INSURV.

We are working towards assessing during operationally significant periods. The aviation assessment process has been well-received and implementation has been smooth. Surface assessment teams have had very positive response from SURFLANT units and are working with SUFFAC to ensure their needs are met. The Fleet Operational Safety Council has approved the concept of operations.

The addition of anonymous culture survey questions has yielded frank responses that help focus the assessment teams while they’re interacting with a unit.



3. **Lessons Learned Program Update** – The Naval Safety Center’s new Lessons Learned Division is making progress in the effort to dramatically expand our ability to collect, create and share lessons learned and best practices with fleet operators. Highlights of current efforts follow.

We are working to sanitize reports of current mishaps to preserve safety privilege while speeding the sharing of valuable mishap-prevention information. We plan to build a library of sanitized safety reports for training.

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## NAVAL SAFETY CENTER LESSONS LEARNED

Another part of the communication plan for lessons learned is to repackage them into other products (such as briefs and videos). We are actively pushing safety lessons into training pipelines, sustainment, and operating procedures. Lessons-learned products include briefs, information papers, and trend analysis charts.

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**4. Positive Trends in Automobile, Motorcycle Fatalities** – Off-duty automobile fatalities continue their 4-year downward trend. The FY15 total of 9 was significantly lower than the 5-year average of 13.6. Fatalities from motorcycle crashes in FY15 (13) were also noticeably down from the 5-year average of 17.2. Motorcycle fatalities had increased in FY11 and FY12. The FY15 total returned to the FY10 level.

